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(*b*) whether the Government have considered the desirability of giving such clerks free quarters or some allowance towards house-rent, etc., and if so, with what result; and

(*c*) whether the Government have any objection to consider over the matter carefully and to come to some favourable conclusion at an early date, if they have not already done so?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) The Government are aware that the difficulties referred to exist and their attention has been specially drawn to the case of Vizagapatam. The Government have given the matter careful consideration and are disposed to view that the most satisfactory solution would be to provide Government quarters, recovering rents from the occupants. The question of providing such quarters at Vizagapatam town is under their consideration. They consider that the problem can be most satisfactorily dealt with in this manner and they do not contemplate the grant of house-rent allowances.

Depressed Classes

Application for boarding grants to depressed classes students.

*617 *Q*.—Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any requisitions were received during the last four months by the Labour Commissioner for boarding grants for depressed classes students studying in the first form and upwards from the various districts; if so, from how many districts and what is the amount involved;

(*b*) whether these requisitions were considered favourably; and

(*c*) if any of these requisitions were refused, whether the Government will be pleased to make special provision to meet these requisitions?

A.—(*a*) Yes; from two districts—
from Salem for Rs. 2,000;
from Nilgiris—amount not specified.

(*b*) The Commissioner could not comply with the requests as the boarding grants placed at his disposal are earmarked for particular communities. The application from Salem which was a request for help in the shape of boarding grants for a newly started hostel for depressed classes was sanctioned by Government.

(*c*) The question of making larger provision for the purpose in the Budget Estimate for 1929–30 is under consideration.

Mr. V. I. Muniswami Pillai :—" May I know from the hon. the Home Member the 'particular communities' mentioned in answer to clause (*b*) and the amount earmarked for each?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" I should like to have notice of the question."